

SHORT STORY GUIDE

Name		Characters (Names & characteristics)
Title and Author		
Plot (Gist)	Setting	
Conflict	Resolution	
Author & Me Question and Answer	Theme (List & give evidence)	

List of Universal Themes:

Abandonment	Fear and Anxiety	Poverty
Abuse	Fear and Courage	Self-esteem
Acceptance	Feelings	Sense of community
Acceptance of a Handicap	Forgiveness	Sense of self
Accepting change	Freedom	Separation and Loss
Adjusting to a new life	Friendship	Social Change
Adoption	Gender Issues	Survival
Anger	Genealogy	Taking a stand
Appearances	Getting Along	Teamwork
Appreciation of nature	Good vs. Evil	Trust
Being gifted	Gratitude	Values
Brotherhood	Grief	Violence
Bullies	Growing Up	
Belonging	Guilt	
Betrayal	Guns	
Bondage	Heroes	
Bravery	Heroism	
Caring for the environment	History	
Censorship	Honesty	
Challenges	Hope	
Change	Humor	
Coming of Age	Immigrants	
Commitment	Initiation	
Communication	Injustice	
Community	Innocence and Experience	
Cooperation	Intergenerational	
Cooperation/Teamwork	Justice	
Coping with loss	Relationships	
Courage	Invincibility	
Courage and Honor	Jealousy	
Cultural Diversity	Leadership	
Customs and Traditions	Learning about ourselves and others	
Dealing with handicaps	Living in Today's Society	
Death and Dying	Loneliness	
Denial	Loss	
Determination	Loss of Innocence	
Discrimination	Love	
Faith	Loyalty	
Diversity	Making Choices	
Doubt	Media	
Dreams	Memories	
Effects of War	Morals & Values	
Emotions	Patriotism	
Ethical Dilemmas	Peace	
Euthanasia	Peer Pressure	
Family & Relationships		
Fear		